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In re Application of)
Alex Azhayev, *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1626
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For: **UNIVERSAL SUPPORTS OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDE SYNTHESIS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows. Appendix I is a marked up version of the specification to show the changes made.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 124 with the following substitute paragraph.

In order to investigate the applicability of supports according to the invention for the preparation of oligodeoxyribonucleotides of mixed sequences, seven longer oligonucleotides were synthesized as follows:

5'-TGGCGTCTTCCATTT-3' (15 mer; SEQ ID NO: 1),

5'-GTGGAATTCCAGCAGCAGAAAGAGCTCATC-3' (30 mer; SEQ ID NO: